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The Recovery Act: Creating Jobs and Making a Difference in California

Earlier this year, the Democratic Congress worked with President Obama to enact the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* (the *Recovery Act*) in an effort to rescue, rebuild, and strengthen our struggling national economy. Eight years of failed fiscal policies and misguided economic priorities had left our national economy on the brink of disaster, and now – only nine months later – our economy is on the brink of recovery. The *Recovery Act* and the efforts of American businesses and workers, like those in California, made this progress possible.

Despite this encouraging news, Democrats know that many Californians are still struggling, and unemployment – a lagging economic indicator – remains far too high. In response, Democrats are working to create and save millions of jobs with *Recovery Act* dollars and tax relief. Already, with more than half of the dollars yet to be spent, the recovery package has provided for more than one million jobs and the rate of job loss has slowed significantly. As we look toward the future, Democrats believe that the *Recovery Act*, combined with the American work ethic and ingenuity, will continue to make a difference for families in California and will deliver on its promise to rebuild our economy and get Californians back to work.

The Recovery Act is Creating Jobs and Making a Difference

Last week, the White House announced that certain recipients of *Recovery Act* funds have reported the creation of 640,329 direct jobs. About 325,000 of these jobs are in education and over 80,000 are in construction. These numbers, however, represent only about 16 percent of expenditures through September 30 and do not reflect the majority of *Recovery Act* funding to date, which has gone directly to individuals and states, including:

- Tax relief for businesses and working families;
- Small business loans, which are exempt from reporting;
- The first-time homebuyer tax credit;
- Direct federal aid, including \$250 direct stimulus checks, enhanced unemployment benefits, increased food stamp benefits for vulnerable families; and
- State fiscal relief, which prevented job cuts at the state and local government level.

Moreover, the reported data does not capture indirect or induced jobs created when prime contractors hire suppliers or other companies to complete projects or when newly employed workers spend their pay checks. It is estimated that, if included, indirect jobs would add

another 50 percent or more to the direct jobs numbers and induced jobs would add an additional 36 percent. [Office of the Vice President, [10/30/09](#); CBPP, [10/28/09](#)]

Taken as a whole, the reported data confirms earlier estimates that the *Recovery Act* would create or save over one million jobs by now, even though less than half of the *Recovery Act* funds have been put to work. [Office of the Vice President, [10/30/09](#)]

Moreover, without the *Recovery Act*, economists believe that the economy and the unemployment rate would be much worse.

- According to Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projections, “The effect of the stimulus legislation on the level of economic activity will probably build during the second half of 2009 [and] have its maximum impact in the first half of 2010... CBO estimates that real GDP will be 1.4 percent to 3.8 percent higher in the fourth quarter of 2009 than it would have been without the stimulus, 1.1 percent to 3.4 percent higher in the fourth quarter of 2010, 0.4 percent to 1.2 percent higher in the fourth quarter of 2011, and zero to 0.3 percent higher by the fourth quarter of 2013.” [CBO, [8/09](#)]
- These estimates were bolstered by third quarter growth when, for the first time in more than a year, the economy expanded, and, at 3.5 percent, it expanded faster than expected. [*Wall Street Journal*, [10/29/09](#)]
- According to economist Mark Zandi, “The research of Moody’s Economy.com suggests that a million fewer jobs would exist today, while the unemployment rate would already have risen well into double digits.” [Testimony before the Joint Economic Committee, [10/29/09](#)]

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In California, this partial reporting indicates that 110,185 jobs have been created or saved by funding 5,627 awards worth \$18,534,842,086, of which \$8,180,536,434 has already been received. [Recovery, Accountability, and Transparency Board, accessed [11/2/09](#)]

Similar to the national number, this validates the White House’s earlier estimates that the *Recovery Act* is responsible for saving or creating 139,700 jobs so far for Californians (accounting for indirect and induced jobs). [Council of Economic Advisors, [9/2009](#)] **California is on track to benefit from a total of 396,000 *Recovery Act* jobs.** [The White House, [2/2009](#)]

These numbers alone cannot adequately convey the human impact of the jobs that are supported by the *Recovery Act* – the real-life stories of local companies that can hire new employees, workers who are no longer faced with uncertainty, and families that no longer need to struggle to pay their bills. The following is a sampling of some of the local *Recovery Act* success stories in California:

***Recovery Act* funding has helped UC Berkeley and UCSF form a cancer research center to explore the physical principles that govern the origin and behavior of cancer cells.** “Scientists at UC Berkeley and UCSF have formed a research center to explore the physical principles that govern the origin and behavior of cancer cells, and how they multiply in humans. With a five-year, \$15.6 million grant from the National Cancer Institute, the UC researchers have formed the Physical Sciences-Oncology Center where they will seek to understand the mysterious ways that cancer - its onset and responses to radiation and

chemotherapy - are subject to the laws of physics... Researchers at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and UCSF's Helen Diller Comprehensive Cancer Center also will be included... The first year of grants for the 12 centers will total \$22.7 million, coming from stimulus funds under the National Recovery Act, according to a spokesman for the NCI. The national total is expected to exceed \$250 million over five years." [[San Francisco Chronicle](#), 10/29/09]

Significant job gains show the impact the *Recovery Act* has had on economy in California.

"States have reported using stimulus money to create or save more than 388,000 jobs so far this year, buttressing the Obama administration's claim that the \$787 billion plan has had a significant impact on the economy. The administration plans Friday to release reports from all 50 states, providing the broadest accounting yet of the stimulus plan's impact. The states' reports suggest the biggest impact has been at schools. Twenty-three states that have reported school job numbers said more than 156,000 jobs had been created or saved. Carol Bingham, director of fiscal policy for the California Department of Education, estimated the stimulus saved about 20,000 teaching positions." [[USA Today](#), 10/27/09]

The Bay Area will benefit significantly from Department of Energy's *Recovery Act* - E funds for transformational energy research projects.

"The Bay Area claimed a sizable share of the \$151 million in federal funding for transformational energy research projects announced Monday by the U.S. Department of Energy, with five organizations receiving a collective \$15.1 million. Stanford University alone will get nearly \$5 million. This is the first round of projects funded through the recently formed Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, which was allotted \$400 million under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act... Recipients: Stanford University; building efficiency: Sensors, software, and controls to track and improve energy use patterns. Could lead to substantial reductions in building energy use by changing human behavior through timely information and usable controls... PAX Streamline Inc., Georgia Tech Research Institute; \$3 million; San Rafael; wind power: 'Blown Wing' technology for wind turbines. Creates a virtual airfoil by jetting compressed air along a wing. Can be dynamically adjusted to maximize power under a wide range of wind conditions" [[San Francisco Chronicle](#), 10/26/09]

***Recovery Act* funding will be used to help seal mine openings at Joshua Tree National Park; in addition to creating jobs.**

"Park officials estimate that about 300 mines were staked during the late 1800s and into the 1900s. To protect visitors from being injured while inspecting these workings, park crews have been working over the years to seal off the mines... Funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, park crews will close eight mines, while contractors will be used to close another 14. According to park officials, 'the mine sites comprise 40 total openings of horizontal adits and vertical shafts... Mines will be closed using techniques developed at Joshua Tree that ensure public safety but protect the mines' wildlife and historic values. Hazardous chemicals and other unsafe materials will be removed and properly disposed. Special gates will cover mine openings to prevent human access but allow use by bats, desert tortoises, and other native wildlife... In addition to creating jobs, this project improves the safety of visitors at Joshua Tree National Park and enhances the value of these mines sites for wildlife," said Joshua Tree Superintendent Curt Sauer." [[National Parks Traveler](#), 10/27/09]

Sacramento County's *Recovery Act*-funded job opportunity program helps low-income workers and those in the state's CalWORKS welfare-to-work program find jobs at local businesses.

"The \$4 million Job Opportunity Program, led by the county's Department of Human Assistance using federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

funds, targets low-income workers and those in the state's CalWORKs welfare-to-work program... Employees in the program work for up to six months with the goal of being hired permanently; meanwhile, participants build up work experience, earn cash and increase their chances of finding other employment. ” [Sacramento Bee, 10/27/09]

Tulare County will repair 40 Head Start buildings, hire 8 new employees, and give 650 employees “cost of living raises,” thanks to Recovery Act funding. “Tulare County government agencies alone have applied for more than \$114 million in stimulus funds, and so far they have received about \$20.3 million, including about \$850,000 to repave alleyways in Richgrove. The Tulare County Office of Education is scheduled to receive \$1.12 million for its Head Start day care and preschool programs. About 33 percent will be used to provide cost-of-living raises for Head Start's 650 employees here, said Ray Chavez, who oversees Head Start in Tulare County. Although run by the Office of Education, Head Start programs, for children of low-income families, mostly are funded with federal dollars, Chavez said... The stimulus money will allow Head Start to provide temporary raises of 5 percent for its preschool teachers and 1.84 percent for teaching aides and other workers... The rest of the stimulus dollars will go primarily for paying for repairs and renovations at some of the 40 Head Start sites in the county, hiring eight new employees, and providing staff training and development programs, which includes providing tuition assistance to teachers and aides earning college degrees.” [Visalia Times-Delta, 10/24/09]

Recovery Act funding will help Fresno State restore 200 class sections and retain about 50 more lecturers. “Fresno State will stave off \$1.4 million in class and job cuts this spring with the help of federal stimulus money, officials said Thursday. Fresno State President John Welty said the money will allow the campus to restore roughly 200 class sections and retain about 50 more lecturers – non-tenured faculty members who often work on a year-to-year basis. That heads off about a third of the cuts planned for the spring semester... The California State University system received \$77.5 million in one-time stimulus money to help meet its payroll... Because of the stimulus money, CSU can shift \$25 million previously budgeted in other areas to its 23 campuses to restore class sections and student support services. Systemwide, CSU campuses will add as many as 4,000 course sections and retain up to 800 lecturers. Universities around the country similarly have used stimulus money to save jobs and ease budget cuts.” [The Fresno Bee, 10/22/09]

25 Coachella Valley businesses benefit from \$19 million in Recovery Act SBA loans for renovation, new construction and the purchase of equipment, fixtures and inventory. “More than \$19 million in loans have been awarded to 25 Coachella Valley businesses, including 11 in Palm Desert, through the federal government's economic recovery program... The businesses received loans — either through the Small Business Administration or Department of Agriculture — ranging from \$12,500 to \$6.2 million. The money flowing into the valley is providing locals with working capital to purchase or expand businesses; funds are being used for renovation, new construction and the purchase of equipment, fixtures and inventory. Bobi and Dave Ohlman of Palm Desert were able to buy their business, Jensen's Carpet, Tile & Upholstery Cleaning, with an SBA loan offered through the Recovery Act program... ‘Traditional financing was not an option, as banks require business history for these types of loans,’ Bobi Ohlman said. They decided to go the SBA route and applied for a loan through Sunrise Community Bank. The couple was approved for a \$175,000 SBA 7(a) loan — known as a working capital loan... Last month, they applied for an SBA microloan to buy new cleaning equipment and add employees.” [The Desert Sun, 10/18/09]

Recovery Act saved approximately 6,000 education jobs in Los Angeles alone. “Some 250,000 education jobs have been saved or created by the economic stimulus package,

according to a White House report released Monday. “There is a lot more work to be done, but we applaud those districts that have successfully used stimulus funding to stave off catastrophic layoffs and invest in critical reforms,” Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said in a statement. Of the \$97.4 billion in education funding included in the stimulus bill, \$67.6 billion has been spent. According to the report, more than 6,000 education jobs in Los Angeles were saved by stimulus funds” [*Los Angeles Times*, 10/20/09]

Recovery Act investment increases small business loan approvals, assists hundreds of businesses in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. “Hundreds of businesses in Riverside and San Bernardino counties received small business loans backed by stimulus money, most doled out by the Small Business Administration... The money that poured into the Small Business Administration’s loan program allowed Nancy Lazrovich, 23, to open her hair salon in Perris in southwestern Riverside County with \$25,000 for construction and equipment. A recent beauty school graduate, Lazrovich tried thrice to get a small business loan from the government. It wasn’t until earlier this year when stimulus money flowed that she got her wish... It might not be the road building and solar energy projects that gained attention from the stimulus, but the salon and many other local businesses are reporting they are adding jobs -- albeit slowly -- or keeping workers they feared were destined for the unemployment line... Before the stimulus plan passed, there were an average of 34 small business loans issued in Riverside County worth \$9.3 million on a weekly basis, and 25 loans worth \$8.6 million in San Bernardino County. With the fee-less stimulus loans, the number in Riverside County jumped to 173 weekly loans worth \$58.9 million on average. In San Bernardino County there have been 153 loans worth \$63.8 million in an average week.... Integrated Wealth Management bought and built its downtown Palm Springs office with a \$1.25 million stimulus loan. Since July, the firm has hired eight employees for its investment firm... [said] Jim Casey, president and CEO of Integrated Wealth Management” [*The Press-Enterprise*, 10/20/09]

The Recovery Act has created or saved over 62,000 jobs including 8,356 in the University of California system and 26,156 in the California state system. “According to [the White House], Recovery Act spending in the area of education has saved or created 250,000 jobs nation-wide. According to preliminary data reported to the federal government by Governor Schwarzenegger’s California Recovery Task Force, 24.8 percent or 62,204 of these education jobs were saved or created in California... On October 10, 2009, Governor Schwarzenegger’s California Recovery Task Force announced that preliminary first quarter reports show Recovery Act funds managed by state government entities have cumulatively saved or created over 100,000 jobs in California through September 30, 2009... Within this report, the following education-related agencies in California self-reported the following: The California Department of Education (Local Education Agencies): 27,692 jobs saved or created through Recovery Act spending through September 20, 2009. California State University: 26,156 jobs saved or created through Recovery Act spending through September 30, 2009. University of California: 8,356 jobs saved or created through Recovery Act spending through September 30, 2009.” [*California Recovery Site*, 10/19/09]

Recovery Act funds allocated to the CalWORKs program could create up to 2,000 new jobs in Contra Costa County. “If the anticipated millions of dollars in federal money comes through next month, Contra Costa County will give as many as 2,000 entry-level workers a chance to earn money while developing skills. The program, to be funded with as much as \$7.6 million in stimulus money, is an extension of the CalWORKs program that helps people move from welfare to work. ‘We’re very excited about the opportunity to help people become competitive in the labor market,’ Therrien said. ‘We’re emphasizing work experience, specific job skills, and teaching good work habits.’ The employers must be willing to train the workers, who would be paid \$8.50 per hour for 30 hours a week from the federal money to perform

clerical, janitorial, customer service and other duties. The workers would also be eligible for child care and transportation subsidies while employed. The goal is to find about 1,000 employers who will hire one to three applicants each.” [*Contra Costa Times*, 10/18/09]

California's Clean Energy Workforce Training Program will use Recovery Act funding to train unemployed residents for green jobs. “College of the Desert and Riverside County's Workforce Development Division are working together to use federal stimulus dollars to turn unemployed valley residents into skilled, green-energy workers. The county's EDA Workforce Development Division contracted with the school to provide job skills training, using about \$1.15 million in stimulus funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. College of the Desert, which recently received an \$800,000 grant for California's Clean Energy Workforce Training Program, is using about half of the contracted dollars to provide courses in wind turbine technician training, said Larry McLaughlin, director of COD's Advanced Transportation Technology and Energy Center. The rest will fund a variety of training programs such as job skills or refresher courses. ‘These classes are funded entirely through this project’ and will be free to eligible workforce development participants, McLaughlin said.” [*The Desert Sun*, 10/14/09]

In California, Recovery Act funds have helped California's teachers and schools the most, having saved 62,000 jobs. “Public schoolteachers are expected to be the big winners when states around the United States reveal for the first time how many jobs were created or saved during the first months of President Barack Obama's \$787 billion stimulus plan... More than \$90 million is scheduled to come into Monterey County. According to an Associated Press analysis of some preliminary state data, teachers appear to have benefited most from early spending. That's because the stimulus sent billions of dollars to help stabilize state budgets, sparing what officials said were tens of thousands of teacher layoffs. In California, the stimulus was credited with saving or creating 62,000 jobs in public schools and state universities.” [*The Californian*, 10/13/09]

The Recovery Act has saved or created 100,000 jobs in California, 62,000 of which are in education programs. “More than 100,000 jobs have been saved or created in California from the \$5.3 billion in federal stimulus money state agencies have spent so far, according to a preliminary report released Saturday by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's administration. The report from the California Recovery Task Force was based on nearly 6,000 reports it submitted to the federal government on behalf of state agencies and their grantees detailing their job creation through Sept. 30... They indicate that more than 62,000 of the jobs saved or created to date have been in education programs, including 34,000 jobs in the University of California and California State University systems and 28,000 jobs that fall under Department of Education programs such as public school teachers and special education workers. Together they reported spending more than \$5 billion.... The White House has projected the stimulus plan will create or save 3.5 million jobs over the next two years, 90 percent of them in the private sector. Of that, 396,000 are expected to be created or saved in California... Among the other agency reports were: The California Employment Development Department, which administers unemployment insurance and job training programs, reported spending \$98 million and creating 22,517 jobs. The state Department of Transportation reported saving or creating 913 jobs and spending \$27 million. California's Volunteer agency reported saving 568 jobs, mostly in the federal AmeriCorps program, by spending \$47,000. Saturday's figures do not include tax breaks, unemployment benefits and other funding that is going directly to local governments or nonprofits.... Federal funding has also been credited with reducing the size of the state's deficit, particularly through increased reimbursements in California's Medicaid program and school funding.” [*San Jose Mercury News*, 10/10/09]

Recovery Act will provide funding for numerous non-profit organizations in the Los Angeles area. “The Latino Theater Company in the Historic Core neighborhood of Downtown and the Friends of the Chinese American Museum at the El Pueblo Historical Monument north of the Civic Center are among a handful of non-profit organizations that have been awarded portions of a recent grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The federal funds will reach local non-profit organizations through the Department of Cultural Affairs of the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Arts Commission. The NEA provided a total of \$420,084 to be divided between the county and city entities, which plan to distribute the money to a total of 16 recipients as part of the federal government’s \$700 billion economic stimulus program... [O]fficials said that the funds are expected to help pay the salaries of 21 administrative staffers whose jobs could have been lost due to the economic slowdown, which has crimped fundraising and other revenue sources for many non-profits.” [[Los Angeles Garment and Citizen](#), 10/9/09; republished 10/15/09]

Ventura County will use Recovery Act grants to hire 20 workers and train 526 people; job placement services will be improved. “The county of Ventura will use federal stimulus money to hire 20 workers and greatly expand its job training and placement services, officials say. The county’s Workforce Investment Board was recently awarded \$7.67 million in stimulus funds to spend over the next two years, according to a report that will be formally presented to the county Board of Supervisors at its meeting today. The Workforce Investment Board allocated \$1.75 million of the money to groups that placed 630 young people in summer jobs and internships. The remainder of the grant will be used for adult job training and placement. To run the new program, the county will establish 20 new full-time positions. The grant funding should help the county enroll 526 new people in job training and placement programs, up from the current total of 263, according to officials.” [[Ventura County Star](#), 10/5/09]

Recovery Act funding will help finance Humboldt County’s TANF Emergency Contingency Fund and create 51 jobs in Health and Human Services. “As federal stimulus dollars begin to trickle into Humboldt County, the county Department of Health and Human Services plans to use its \$4.7 million share to fill long-time vacancies and offer 51 temporary full-time jobs. The funds are part of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Emergency Contingency Fund, financed under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act... Department of Health and Human Services Director Phillip Crandall is recommending the creation of 45 “vocational trainee/assistant” positions, five full-time social worker positions and six mental health case manager positions, according to the staff report... The federal stimulus funds are also earmarked to hire contractors for employee placement and monitoring, and provide miscellaneous services for clients, including everything from emergency food to assistance moving.” [[Times-Standard](#), 10/5/09]

Hartnell College will use \$600,000 in Recovery Act funding to train up to 5,600 students in green construction. “Hartnell College, in a partnership with the Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties Workforce Investment Board and Cabrillo College, received a \$999,862 grant Friday to enroll Salinas residents in the green building and clean energy pre-apprenticeship training program. Hartnell College will keep about \$600,000 of that, said Mike Thomas, director of the college's Center for Sustainable Design and Construction. During the six-month program, 60 students will spend 300 hours in a Hartnell classroom and earn 15 to 18 college credits. Courses include green site management, introduction to green construction and others... Then students will spend another 300 hours in a paid internship program working for construction companies in the Salinas Valley, Thomas said. “This program is about making the shift for the next generation of American builders,” he said. “Under this first phase of the program, anticipated to train 5,600, workers will be prepared for hands-on jobs ranging from

installing solar panels and maintaining electric vehicles to computer programming and researching fuel cell technologies.” [*The Salinas Californian*, 10/6/09]

\$15 million in *Recovery Act* funds will be used to fund two new transportation projects in San Jose, creating up to 170 jobs . “The city of San Jose is taking advantage of tough economic times by using \$15 million of federal stimulus money to create jobs and begin two transportation projects. Because of funds received from the Recovery Act, the city has estimated 160 to 170 jobs will be created with the start of these projects. Senior Executive Analyst Allen Fong claimed the first of the two projects will begin in two months and will work to resurface nearly 16 miles of arterial streets in San Jose. The first project, Tier 1, will work to resurface 11 of the worst arterial roads. A Transportation Department representative confirmed the second project; Tier 2 will resurface an additional six to nine miles of city streets...” [*Public CEO*, 10/2/09]

UC Santa Cruz will use *Recovery Act* funding to research 20 types of cancer and create jobs for engineers and a cancer genome specialist. “A cancer research center at UC Santa Cruz has landed \$5.6 million in federal stimulus money, one of the more than 12,000 grants totalling \$5 billion that President Barack Obama announced Wednesday to create jobs in medical research. The cancer center is home to a mega computer lab that peers into the genetic blueprint of tumor cells to pinpoint deadly mutations... The Cancer Genome Data Analysis Center will use the stimulus money to hire more engineers and a cancer genome specialist. ‘We are about to see a quantum leap in our understanding of cancer,’ said National Institutes of Health Director Francis S. Collins, M.D. in a White House statement today. ‘We’re at the forefront, and the current administration is very aggressive in pursuing this,’ said Haussler. ‘Now is the time.’ Haussler wants to expand his cancer center to study more than 20 types of cancer, including ovarian cancer and glioblastoma, the brain cancer that afflicted Sen. Ted Kennedy.” [*Contra Costa Times*, 9/30/09]

***Recovery Act* creates 13 construction jobs in San Carlos.** “Workers began installing new curb ramps and repainting crosswalks throughout San Carlos this week as part of a project funded by the federal stimulus act. The \$295,000 pedestrian improvement project, which is being entirely paid for by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, includes the installation of 119 ramps on city street corners to help people with disabilities get around... The project will create 13 construction jobs, according to city officials. The federal government awarded San Carlos \$559,000 for the project, but the cheapest construction bid was significantly lower. The city plans to use the rest of the money to resurface Crestview Drive between Edmonds Drive and Melendy Drive starting next spring.” [*Mercury News*, 9/30/09]

A *Recovery Act*-funded California road project will create 450-600 jobs each year for four years. “With a federal stimulus grant of \$128 million, the San Bernardino project is the country's fourth-largest stimulus investment in a road project. Without the stimulus money, the Interstate 215 project would have been another victim of California's budget crisis... The federal stimulus money will be put toward widening seven miles of I-215, a heavily used cargo and commuter corridor running through the city of San Bernardino. The project is expected to directly employ 450 to 600 workers on the construction site each year for four years, and pump hundreds of millions of dollars into the local economy... The stimulus investment could translate into about \$380 million in economic activity for the region as construction workers spend on equipment, supplies and personal expenses like food and clothing, said Mr. Husing, the economist.” [*Wall Street Journal*, 9/29/09]

A \$56 million *Recovery Act* allocation will fund a number of San Jose projects, such as creating wireless police records to repaving streets to upgrading the city

water recycling program and creating summer jobs. “San Jose congressional delegates joined local officials Monday afternoon to announce that more than \$56 million in approved federal stimulus funds will be directed toward projects in the city. The shovel-ready projects that garnered federal money include repaving streets, projects at Mineta San Jose International Airport, storm drain improvements, upgrades to the city water recycling program and assorted energy-efficiency programs. The San Jose Police Department's records system received \$1.3 million in its quest to go paperless, and roughly \$16 million will assist with homeless prevention services, subsidizing summer jobs for at-risk youth, and programs for laid-off job-seekers. With San Jose's unemployment rate hovering near 13 percent, and Santa Clara County's at about 12 percent, lawmakers who spoke today emphasized that this money's potential to put jobless residents back to work. ” [KTVU, 9/28/09]

UCSB will use *Recovery Act* funds to support ongoing research on campus and create local jobs. “Researchers in a wide array of fields at UC Santa Barbara have received a \$36 million boost through the federal economic stimulus package that university officials hope will support the local economy, fuel innovation and train the next generation of scientists... Praising federal leaders for continuing to back higher education, UCSB Chancellor Henry Yang said the funding will build upon the ongoing research on campus, leading to more patents, more local companies, more local jobs and more tax revenues... The grants are spread across a broad spectrum of academic topics at the university, from engineering and computer science to geography, psychology and neuroscience.” [The Daily Sound, 9/28/09]

316 California youths benefit from *Recovery Act*-funded summer jobs program including some who were permanently hired. “Butte County teens and young adults were among those to benefit from stimulus dollars through the summer jobs program. More than 300 individuals from 16 to 24 found summer jobs, according to youth case work manager Bob Lackey. The teens were generally disadvantaged or disabled. The program was able to pinpoint 240 jobs throughout the county, but 316 individuals participated. Some could not work the entire summer, so the same job could be held by more than one person. Of the youth who found jobs, nine ended up going to college and four have full-time jobs, although their employers do get public dollars to help pay them, Lackey said. Lackey said the majority of youths here had never held a job before. In addition to work-related experiences, they worked in places they might not frequent — the fairgrounds, foot trails, parks. “That kind of exposure could help them in decided a career later on.” [The Enterprise Record, 9/27/09]

Modesto School District uses \$14 million in *Recovery Act* and state funds to save teachers' jobs. “Red ink remains on the books, but Modesto City Schools officials say their financial outlook is better than they expected when they adopted their budget. They're closing out their 2008-09 budget with \$12 million in cash on hand, \$19 million more than they expected as recently as June, when they had anticipated a \$7 million deficit. A boost from federal stimulus money and a more generous infusion of state cash than the district expected bolstered the bottom line... Despite the hiring freeze, the district expects to spend \$9.1 million more than it takes in this year, a deficit that partly reflects the district's accounting for \$14 million in federal stimulus money it received in June. ‘(The stimulus money) did its job — it was meant to save jobs in 2009-10,’ Snelling said...” [The Modesto Bee, 9/25/09]

Flood of *Recovery Act* funding will speed up installation of water meters, cut rate payers' costs, and create jobs in Sacramento. “The Sacramento region has landed \$49.2 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds for the installation of water meters. Woodland is leading the way on water-meter installation thanks to \$14.8 million in stimulus money. All of the city's 15,000 customers will be on a metered system by 2011, 14 years ahead of schedule.... The region was awarded almost 30 percent of the \$150 million. Sacramento got the

biggest piece, or \$20 million, half of which is a grant and half a loan. Woodland's \$14.8 million also is split into a grant and a 2.5 percent, 20-year loan. 'Not only is this going to create jobs, but in the long term it will hold water rates down by \$4 to \$5 a month per user (in Woodland),' Baxter said. So far, six contractors have been awarded nine projects" [*Sacramento Business Journal*, 9/25/09]

The Del Norte County Sheriff's Office Investigations Division received \$400,000 in Recovery Act fund in order to pay the salaries of two staff members and to fund equipment upgrades. "Newly acquired federal stimulus money will help the Del Norte County Sheriff's Office investigations division maintain its operations while the rest of the department is experiencing budget cutbacks. On Tuesday, U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson, whose district includes the North Coast, announced the Sheriff's Office will receive \$400,000 to help pay the salaries of two staff members and provide funds for equipment upgrades. The \$417,228 is coming through the federal Recovery Act Assistance to Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Crime and Drugs Program. 'The sheriff's department in Del Norte has been struggling to maintain staff levels while facing tough budget cuts,' Thompson said in the statement... To help alleviate a county budget shortfall that at one time was estimated at more than \$1 million, the Board of Supervisors required each department to cut spending by 10 percent. For the Sheriff's Office that meant reducing the Del Norte County Jail's average population from 140 inmates to 105, and eliminating three positions within the department. " [*The Daily Triplicate*, 9/23/09]

School district is able to rehire 79 teachers and support staff due to Recovery Act allocation. "Nearly all of the Lucia Mar Unified School District personnel who received layoff notices in May have been hired back, thanks to federal stimulus funds. The Board of Education rehired 79 of the 90 employees who received pink slips May 13... The board decided to use federal stimulus money to rehire the teachers and support staff in an effort to reduce class sizes and provide classroom support in its 11 elementary schools, three middle schools and two high schools. The district also supported its Opportunity Program, which provides smaller class sizes for fourth- to eighth-grade students who need extra instruction, by adding instructor time and a support position. The district also is providing an additional \$100,000 to its Teacher On Special Assignment (TOSA) program. The program focuses on supporting English learners in language arts and mathematics..." [*Santa Maria Times*, 9/23/09]

Recovery Act-funded "Jobs Now Program" will help boost workforce in the Bay Area by creating up to 1,000 jobs. "At least 90 public and private businesses in San Francisco are boosting their workforces with stimulus funds. San Francisco's Jobs Now Program reimburses employers for 100% of new employees' [*sic*] salaries. San Francisco's Internet Archive has hired 40 new workers under the Jobs Now program. It's hoping to hire between 100 and 200 more. Noelle Simmons, a Policy Director at San Francisco's Human Services Agency said she expects the Jobs Now program will create about 1,000 jobs. 'Here's an opportunity for people who are unemployed to make themselves more attractive to employers, by being able to say 'hey, the Jobs Now program will cover 100% of my wages if you hire me,' Simmons said." [*CBS 5*, 9/18/09]

Recovery Act-funded infrastructure project set to invigorate the local Altona community with new jobs. "After months of waiting and hoping, Altona town council were thrilled to discover they would receive stimulus infrastructure funding from the federal and provincial governments to help them pave 14th Ave. N.E. The combined federal and provincial contribution of close to \$960,000 will help the town make intersection improvements and pave 14th Ave. from Hwy. 30 to the newly built 2nd St. N.W... 'We understand the importance of investing in roads, bridges and other infrastructure to ensure Manitoba communities remain

competitive and prosperous,' he said. Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Hoepfner agreed. 'Our government is making smart investments that will inject additional capital into our economy and keep people working during these tough economic times while improving Manitoba's infrastructure,' she said. 'This investment in Altona's infrastructure will contribute to the quality of life, assist industry and commerce in the local community, and help boost our regional economy now and for years to come.' [[Red River Valley Echo](#), 9/17/09]

Monterey County Probation Department will use *Recovery Act* funds to create a center to reduce re-incarceration rates, help low-level offenders obtain jobs, and reduce crime. "More than \$1.4 million in federal stimulus money will help low-level criminal offenders get jobs and advice in Monterey County, officials announced Tuesday. The money will be used to implement the Monterey County Day Reporting Center, a place to give employment help and behavior lessons to adults who have violated their probation or parole, said Marcia Parsons, assistant chief at the county Probation Department. Officials said the center will help increase the effectiveness of probation officers, reduce probation and parole violations and reduce crime rates. 'We hope this will increase public safety and decrease re-incarceration rates,' Parsons said." [[The Californian](#), 9/16/09]

***Recovery Act*-funded highway project to help create 2,000 jobs each year for the next four years.** "The 215 Freeway widening project- a job that officials are calling the first highway project in America to get more than \$100 million in federal stimulus funding - is just about ready to start. 'This project will get Californians back to work in one of the nation's hardest hit areas,' said Victor Mendez, chief of the Federal Highway Administration... Freeway work is also being financed with state and local dollars - the third phase is expected to cost about \$424 million. Mendez predicted Monday that the millions being directed to the 215 would create the equivalent of 2,000 jobs in each of the next four years." [[Contra Costa Times](#), 9/14/09]

***Recovery Act* funding will create hundreds of jobs by helping expand the marketplace for innovative solar electric panels, powering 24,000 homes a year.** "Vice President Joe Biden, appearing via satellite from Washington D.C., today announced the Department of Energy has finalized a \$535 million loan guarantee for Solyndra, Inc., which manufactures innovative cylindrical solar photovoltaic panels that provide clean, renewable energy. The funding will finance construction of the first phase of the company's new manufacturing facility. Annual production of solar panels from the first phase is expected to provide energy equivalent to powering 24,000 homes a year or over half a million homes over the project's lifetime. Hundreds more will install Solyndra's solar panels on rooftops around the country...The project will introduce into large-scale commercial operation a new and highly innovative process for manufacturing a breakthrough design for photovoltaic panels." [[Media Newswire](#), 09/10/09]

A *Recovery Act*-funded highway widening project in Tahoe is expected to create about 450 jobs. "About \$25 million in federal stimulus money will go to a Highway 89 project at Lake Tahoe. Plans call for the highway's shoulders to be widened between Luther Pass and U.S. 50, and for erosion control measures to improve water quality in the Tahoe basin. Caltrans spokeswoman Rochelle Jenkins says the 18-month project is expected to create about 450 jobs." [[Associated Press](#), 9/5/09]

The number of jobs created or saved by the *Recovery Act* increased by more than 50 percent from June to July. "The number of jobs created or saved by infrastructure projects funded by the U.S. economic stimulus plan increased by more than 50 percent in July from June, according to a report on Wednesday. By the end of July, 77,470 jobs had been 'created or sustained' by water, highway and public transportation projects, compared to slightly less than 50,000 jobs at the end of June, said the report from a House of Representatives

committee. A single state, Illinois, accounted for nearly a fifth of the total by creating or sustaining 15,388 jobs, according to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee... California, which was given a large share of the infrastructure funds included in the \$787 billion stimulus plan, tallied 10,146 jobs. There have been 5,953 jobs created or sustained in Texas, which also received a significant portion of the transportation earmarks.” [Reuters, 9/2/09]

New clean energy workforce training program will be partially funded by Recovery Act money; the program is expected to train 20,000 workers for green jobs. “Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger came to Los Angeles on Monday to announce a new \$75-million ‘clean energy workforce training program,’ which he said would help train more than 20,000 workers for green-sector jobs. The program is intended to train young workers and the unemployed to become solar installers, green-building designers and weatherization installers. The state received \$20 million for the job-training effort from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The rest will come from the California Energy Commission, as well as community groups and educational institutions.” [Los Angeles Times, 9/1/09]

Thanks to Recovery Act funding, San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board is serving about twice as many residents seeking jobs. “The San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board, a public-private board that utilizes federal funding to help San Bernardino County residents prepare for and find jobs... With the benefit of the federal stimulus package this year, the San Bernardino County WIB has \$30 million, about double its usual funding, and is anxious to invest it in its most important local resource - its residents. ‘We’re here to extend a hand, we’re here to help,’ Harmsen said. ‘(The WIB) can help you to be ready for those jobs in the demand industry sectors so that when the economy turns around you’ll be ready for employment. We are providing what’s needed for success, we’re providing hope.’ The Rancho Cucamonga WIB office contains many facets of service including a resource room with about 50 computers with Internet access, fax machine, career library and knowledgeable staff members, several who are bilingual in Spanish. There is also a station to accommodate those with disabilities... There are also more than 40 advisers on site meeting with clients working on career paths. About 200 job seekers are at the center each day, said Tony Gomez, the manager of the Rancho Cucamonga center. ‘That’s about double from last year at this time,’ Gomez said. ‘This past January and February we served about 8,000 a month.’” [Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, 8/30/09]

Recovery Act-funded youth employment programs in Ventura County are expected to help 660 young people get jobs. “Anthony Gaber thought he’d have to enter the military after high school to learn job skills. But before graduating from Simi Valley’s Royal High School in June, the 18-year-old learned about a summer youth employment program offered through Moorpark College and PathPoint, a Santa Barbara-based nonprofit that offers employment, residential and support services to more than 2,300 people a year. The services are offered to those with disabilities or disadvantages in five counties, including Ventura. The program, funded by federal stimulus money, aims to give youth work experience and job skills while they earn money. The employers benefit from the extra hands and from their contribution to the youth’s development. After Gaber attended a free job-readiness workshop at the college, he began working Aug. 3 at a Telair International warehouse in Simi Valley... Gaber’s employment at Telair was made possible by an \$805,000 grant PathPoint received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. In all, PathPoint and its six partnering agencies, including Moorpark College and the Boys & Girls Club of Camarillo, plan to train and have jobs for 260 disadvantaged youths ages 14 to 24 in Ventura County. A nonprofit youth club in Oxnard that received a similar grant will serve youths in Oxnard and Port Hueneme. Marielle DeFazio, PathPoint’s director for the Simi Valley office, said both programs are expected to help

660 disadvantaged youths in Ventura County get jobs. The program runs through Sept. 30.”
[[Camarillo Acorn](#), 8/28/09]

Faculty members at the University Of California at Davis have received 88 Recovery Act-funded research grants; the supported projects will support adjunct professors, research administrators, technicians, and research associates. “Faculty members at the University of California Davis have received nearly \$32.6 million in stimulus funds for research so far, and more grants are expected, the university said Thursday. Through Monday, almost \$32.6 million has been handed over to UC Davis through 88 different research grants. The ‘steady stream of grants from federal stimulus funds is providing a much-needed cushion for research programs campus wide’ during tough financial times.” Vice chancellor for research Barry Klein: “At a time when we are very hard-pressed, this stimulus funding will allow us to build up an infrastructure that will serve us well for many years. And that is precisely the purpose of these awards: to get things under way quickly that will have a long-term positive impact on the stability of the workforce on campus... Adjunct professors are supported through grant funds, as are research administrators, technicians and staff research associates. And these grants will also create jobs by enabling us to hire graduate students and postdoctoral scholars to participate in the research.” [[Sacramento business Journal](#), 8/27/09]

Santa Ana unified school district using Recovery Act funds to rehire 80 teachers laid off at end of last school year. “Santa Ana Unified plans to rescind the layoffs of about 80 teachers for the upcoming school year, district officials said today... The district originally planned to increase classes sizes in grades one through three to 30 from 20 students as part of an effort to cut the district's budget following state cuts to education. A total of 240 teachers were laid off at the end of last school year. District spokeswoman Angela Burrell said officials are contacting the 80 teachers to determine if they will be able to return. Some teachers may have already found other jobs elsewhere and may not accept the district's offer, she said... Santa Ana Unified will pay for the additional teachers out of a combination of \$5.7 million in stimulus and state funds recently made available to the district to decrease class sizes.” [[Orange County Register](#) (CA), 8/26/09]

Recovery Act money will be used to create 85 jobs to remove toxic waste at Blue Ledge Mine. “If you have any thoughts on the challenging task of cleaning up the long inactive Blue Ledge Mine high in the Applegate River drainage just south of the California state line, the U.S. Forest Service wants to hear from you. A 30-day public comment period began Wednesday to gather public mood on the agency's recommended removal plan of the toxic wastes left by the copper mine operation was announced Wednesday by Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest officials. The \$8.5 million project, funded by federal stimulus money to increase local employment, is expected to create up to 85 jobs, most of which will be contracted out through private firms.” [[Mail Tribune](#) (OR), 8/27/09]

Recovery Act money used to rubberize paving along Highway 99 from Sacramento County Line to state highway; project already underway and creating jobs. “Highway 70/99 rehab near the Sacramento/Sutter county line – \$18.3 million: North of Sacramento, Highway 99 has been getting a lot more traffic, largely because so many commuters flocked to Marysville and Plumas Lake in search of less-expensive housing. But large swaths of the road are in poor shape. This project will apply rubberized paving to 10 miles of Highway 99 from the Sacramento County line to State Highway 70. Of the five projects mentioned here, it is the only one that is actively under way and creating jobs. The project is supposed to be completed by November.” [[Sacramento Bee](#), 8/27/09]

Recovery Act money awarded to build new wastewater treatment plant in Sutter County; project will support 45 local construction jobs and forestall large rate increase. “Live Oak wastewater treatment plant – \$16 million: It's easy to make a case that the small Sutter County town of Live Oak desperately needed stimulus funds. Its unemployment rate stands at 30 percent – almost three times the state average. State regulators told the town years ago that its wastewater treatment plant wasn't up to snuff, and the plant has been operating under a cease-and-desist order since 2005, said Jim Goodwin, Live Oak's city manager. The stimulus money – a \$10 million grant and a \$6 million low-interest loan – will build a new plant, support 45 local construction jobs and forestall a large rate increase, Goodwin said. Construction will start soon. ‘The only way to meet the state's requirements was to completely rebuild the plant,’ Goodwin said. ‘We've been struggling on how we could do that at a rate our customers could afford.’” [[Sacramento Bee](#), 8/27/09]

The Hoopa Valley and Yurok tribes received Recovery Act funds to build new homes; the project is expected to employ between 11 and 17 people. “Of the 15 tribes in the country to receive coveted housing stimulus funds, two of them call the North Coast home. The Hoopa Valley and Yurok tribes have both been approved for \$1.17 million to develop housing for tribal members, enough to provide new homes for 13 households. While both have been approved – the only two California tribes to receive the hard-sought assistance – the Hoopa Valley Tribe is actually the first in the nation to sign the contract and begin implementation. The agreement was signed Wednesday. Because the Hoopa Tribe has a modular home construction facility that – although currently not in operation – can be fired up quickly, they easily met one of the federal government's most important criteria for stimulus funds – readiness. Their 13 homes are ‘shovel-ready,’ said Robert Eben, Pacific regional housing officer for the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. Constructing the two- and three-bedroom homes will also put people to work, Eben said. An estimated 11 to 17 employees will get hired on at the modular plant to get the homes built and ultimately out to the recipients, said Eben.” [[Times-Standard](#), 8/21/09]

Recovery Act-funded Sacramento water conservation project is expected to create 40 jobs. “An aggressive effort to conserve water with the installation of water meters got a \$5 million boost Thursday. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocated funding through the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, greatly helping a \$15.3 million effort to install 3,750 water meters in the region by 2011... The 15-month project is expected to create about 40 jobs to install the meters.” Representative Matsui: “Among talks of saving the Delta, one of the best ways we can help conserve water is with proper metering and water management. This funding will directly help local communities conserve California's most precious resource. The water saved through new meters will help provide more water to California's Delta and create jobs here in Sacramento.” [[Sacramento Business Journal](#), 8/20/09]

Long Beach Airport will make ramp and taxiway improvements thanks to \$4 million in Recovery Act funding. “We're very pleased and excited that the grant funding has been released,’ said Christine Edwards, Operations Bureau Manager, during a phone interview this afternoon. ‘It will provide sorely needed jobs for the community and will begin the job of rebuilding our ramp with concrete that will last us the next 50 years or so.’ Edwards also explained that the funding will make its way through City officials and should be finalized and ready to spend sometime next week. She also explained that an additional \$3 million is set to be granted to the airport in a grant based on the number of passengers that have used the airport in the past year. This brings the airport's total grant receivings to more than \$7.4 million, the exact amount they hoped to get to improve the ramp and taxilane. The ramp job itself will cost about \$6 million and create close to 120 jobs, but Edwards also said that the

taxilane project will cost about \$900k and produce several dozen more jobs.” [[Long Beach Post](#), 8/13/09]

New JOBS NOW! effort will seek to find employment for over 1,000 San Franciscans. “The mayor's office announced a new initiative Wednesday that aims to put at least 1,000 San Franciscans back to work using federal stimulus funds. The initiative, called JOBS NOW!, matches employers with unemployed city residents who meet certain qualifications, said Mayor Gavin Newsom, who dubbed it ‘the most significant jobs program ever in San Francisco.’ To qualify, candidates must live in San Francisco, have at least one child, and earn less than twice the federal poverty level, he said. Applicants will be screened and matched with potential employers for interviews. The city will then use \$25 million in federal stimulus funds to subsidize successful candidates' salaries until September 2010, or whenever stimulus funds run out, Newsom said. ‘It sounds almost too good to be true,’ Newsom told dozens of reporters, city workers and job-seekers at the One Stop Employment Center on Mission Street, where several JOBS NOW! openings are posted on the wall. ‘But it does the one thing the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act should be doing, and that's creating jobs.’ More than 200 formerly unemployed San Franciscans have already been matched with employers and are now working full-time through the initiative, Newsom said. That includes Tracey Gutierrez, a mother of four teenagers who was laid off from her retail job at Mervyn's last year and is now working as a book-scanner for a non-profit company in the Presidio. ‘The biggest difference - it's taken off a lot of stress,’ said Gutierrez, who lives in San Francisco's Excelsior neighborhood.” [[KPIX – CBS](#), 8/13/09]

Recovery Act allotment to Monterey-Salinas transit balanced the agency's budget, prevented job losses, and decreased the cost of transportation to consumers. “At its Monday meeting, Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) board of directors agreed to pay it forward. This June MST received \$7.6 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment (AARA) funds. Usually referred to as stimulus funds, the money allowed MST to adopt a balanced budget without service cuts, fare increases or job loss. And now, the savings realized by using a portion of the stimulus funds to pay off a long term debt on new buses will be passed along directly to MST passengers. Beginning Sept. 5, MST cash fares will be temporarily reduced a quarter from \$2.50 to \$2.25 and 15 cents from \$1.25 to \$1.10 for discounted passengers (65 years or older, individuals with disabilities, Medicare Card holders, or children 46' tall to 18 years old) until Memorial Day weekend. RIDES cash fares will also be temporarily reduced a quarter per zone from \$3.00 to \$2.75. No other passes or fare media is eligible for the discount. The average savings for a person commuting weekdays to and from work or school from this promotion amounts to almost \$100 each. That savings allows MST passengers to keep more of their income for daily necessities like food, medicine and other purchases. Recent studies show that every dollar spent at a local, independent business has a ‘multiplier effect’ of an additional 68 cents, as these funds are spent by business owners, their employees and suppliers as they make subsequent purchases for goods and services in the local economy. Based on staff estimates, the \$320,000 that passengers would ultimately save on fares during the promotion and spent on other items could have a total local economic impact of as much as \$538,000.” [[Salinas Californian](#), 8/12/09]

Recovery Act funding enabled the summer youth employment program to employ 20 young people as Baldwin Park City Hall interns. “Local teens and young adults started their first day at City Hall working under the Summer Youth Employment Program on Monday. Unemployment in Baldwin Park is about 14 percent, according to state figures. Patricia Araujo, 19, was one of the 20 new interns eager to get started right away at Baldwin Park City Hall. ‘This is my first job and I'm excited to have a good work experience and be able

to work in an office,' Araujo said. Araujo attends the Baldwin Park Adult School where she first heard about the program." [[Pasadena Star-News](#), 8/10/09]

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority will use *Recovery Act* funds to buy 70 hybrid buses, modernizing transit, reducing carbon emissions, and creating jobs.

"The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority board of directors voted unanimously this week to authorize the purchase of 70 environmentally friendly hybrid buses with federal stimulus funding. The 40-foot diesel hybrid buses will be provided by Gillig LLC, a transit bus manufacturing company based in Hayward, according to VTA officials... 'The federal stimulus funding is benefiting the Bay Area several ways,' VTA General Manager Michael T. Burns said in a statement. 'First Santa Clara County residents reap the environmental benefits from these buses. Secondly, the local economy benefits because VTA will be purchasing these buses from a bus manufacturer located in Hayward,' Burns said. Gillig LLC President Dennis Howard said that 35 jobs are being created and sustained by the bus purchase contract, which will support 1,272 suppliers, vendors, and other indirect support jobs." [[KPIX - CBS](#), 8/9/09]

Central Coast Energy Services will use *Recovery Act* funds to hire 90 workers, weatherize thousands of families' homes. "A big increase in stimulus funding for the Central Coast Energy Services will go toward helping thousands of low-income families in the Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito and south Santa Clara counties weatherize their homes and save money on power expenses. The organization expects to receive \$4 million over the next two years from the Department of Energy's weatherization assistance program as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the CCES announced this week... With the anticipated increase in funding, the CCES is providing jobs for more than 90 people in a door-to-door outreach campaign, outreach supervisors, weatherization crew and office employees." [[Santa Cruz Sentinel](#), 8/6/09]

Long Beach will use *Recovery Act* funds to train workers to decontaminate brownfields. "Long Beach's Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network is one of four agencies to receive nearly \$2 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding to provide job training to survey and clean up contaminated sites or 'brownfields'... 'Through this Recovery Act funding, EPA and our community partners will provide training and environmental career opportunities to California residents,' Laura Yoshii, the EPA's acting regional administrator for the Pacific Southwest, said in a statement. 'These grants will help ensure that a trained work force is ready to clean up contaminated sites and revitalize them for productive reuse in our communities.'" [[Long Beach Press-Telegram](#), 8/5/09]

San Bernardino will use *Recovery Act* funds to provide 2,000 unemployed locals with skills for jobs in transportation, the green sector, and healthcare. "San Bernardino County officials have approved \$3.2 million in federal stimulus money to fund job training programs that will help some 2,000 of the county's idled workers, according to a statement. The county's Workforce Investment Board voted to approve the plan Tuesday night. The next step will be to enter into contracts with schools, hospitals and other sites that will train people for some of the largest employment sectors in Inland Southern California -- or at least the sectors that did much of the hiring before the recession. The county will focus on training people in health care, transportation and logistics, aviation, manufacturing and green industries... The result is expected to produce new professionals, from nurses to welders, in the next year or so." [[Riverside Press-Enterprise](#), 8/5/09]

Stanford University School of Medicine used *Recovery Act* allocation to save or create 34 research jobs and created 22 jobs for young people. "The Stanford University School of Medicine is using \$18 million of federal stimulus funding to create or retain

'at least' 34 new or threatened research jobs, school officials said Tuesday. In addition, the medical school has created 22 summer positions for high school and college students using \$200,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds. Stanford officials said the bigger pot of augmented research funding, made available through the National Institutes of Health using ARRA funds, has been used to help support research on the roots of pain, eye disease, cancer, tissue engineering and transplantation, among other areas." [*San Francisco Business Times*, 8/4/09]

The Riverside County Workforce Development Board used *Recovery Act* funds to employ 200 young people. "Maria Fermin used about two-thirds of her first paycheck from her first job – about \$128 – to give her mother money for food and gas. It's not because the 14-year old's family is hard up, but because she wants to pay them back for their generosity, Maria said Wednesday at Fairmount Park. 'They spoil me,' she said. Maria is among the almost 200 Riverside youths ages 14 to 24 that are working this summer thanks to about \$600,000 in stimulus funds received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The funds came through a grant from the Riverside County Economic Development Agency and the Riverside County Workforce Development Board." [*Riverside Press-Enterprise*, 8/1/09]

Roughly 1,800 young people in San Bernardino County obtained jobs and internships by means of *Recovery Act* allocation. "By the end of the summer, Gino Saltalamacchia will have earned more than \$2,000 thanks to one of his favorite relatives - Uncle Sam. Gino, a senior at Ontario High School, along with about 1,800 other San Bernardino County young adults will be paid for internships at local businesses. Funding comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, part of what is commonly referred to as the stimulus package. Gino is interning at John Elway's Crown Toyota in Ontario as a service technician making \$9 an hour. He and 16 of his classmates received the opportunity through The Career Institute, an organization specializing in career education and life planning. 'It gives us the feeling of being real mechanics,' said Gino, who is saving money for his own car. 'I've gotten experience that I would have never learned from a textbook.'" [*Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*, 7/26/09]

Several *Recovery Act*-funded projects are under way in Kern County, from bridge replacement endeavors to massive expansion of Delano water system to accommodate 80,000 to improving Edwards Air Force Base. "By the end of this summer, work will begin on a \$13 million replacement of the Chester Avenue bridge over Garces Circle. When it's done, a \$33 million wastewater treatment plant expansion will allow Delano to accommodate more than 80,000 people. And about \$39 million in road building, light repairing and energy conservation projects will improve the safety and quality of life at Edwards Air Force Base. Those are some of the ways federal stimulus funds are being spent in Kern County. As of last Wednesday, Kern has been awarded more than \$200 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, according to the state... While trying to generate support for the legislation, the Obama administration predicted the 22nd Congressional District -- which includes most of Bakersfield -- stood to see 8,400 created or retained jobs. [*Bakersfield Californian*, 7/25/09]

***Recovery Act*-funded projects and programs in San Diego are projected to create 19,200 jobs; projects include bus lane broadening and gang suppression initiatives.** "At least \$1.77 billion in federal stimulus money is headed to projects and programs in San Diego County, from the trolley in San Ysidro to bus lanes in Oceanside to gang suppression in Lemon Grove. Projects include small purchases, such as a \$9,649 wood chipper for Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, and major undertakings, such as a \$563 million hospital at Camp Pendleton. The San Diego Union-Tribune built a database to track the spending, including project costs, construction schedules, contract awards and jobs created... About 60

projects have been assigned start dates, including 15 to start by August, 30 later in the year and a dozen next year. Only a few planners have given estimates of the jobs created by their project, and those jobs total 9,215. Using a government formula, the money invested in San Diego County might be expected to create 19,200 jobs.” [*San Diego Union Tribune*, 7/26/09]

The Indio Win Center employed 220 young people for the summer with *Recovery Act* funds. “An Indio Win Center summer work program funded by economic stimulus money is helping local teens get hired for jobs. There are 220 youth, mostly from Indio, ranging from ages 14 to 24 involved in the Indio Win Center’s Summer Work Experience Program, said Angie Barajas, SWEP program coordinator from the Indio Win Center. Some of the youth will be hired at the work sites they are now working for, like Max Lopez, 19, of Coachella, whose work experience site is Marshalls store of La Quinta. The College of the Desert student said he was very excited when he found out that he would be hired to work for Marshalls after his program ends in a week and a half. ‘I am the only one making money for my family, but my father is on medical leave,’ he said on Friday. ‘I am helping them out.’ The Indio Win Center has year-long work experience programs, Barajas said. In May, the Indio Win Center received \$440,000 from the Riverside County Economic Development Agency through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the SWEP Program.” [*Desert Sun*, 7/25/09]

***Recovery Act* funds will allow the Chico Unified School District to save about 40 teaching and staff positions.** “The Chico Unified School District will use a portion of its federal stimulus dollars to retain the equivalent of 40 full-time positions. The district planned on using \$4.4 million of about \$8.5 million in stimulus to reduce further budget cuts. On Wednesday, the board approved a plan to direct the money to eight programs, and retain about 40 teaching and staff positions. Another portion of the remaining stimulus may be used to create 13 teaching specialist positions and could lead to the rehiring of some previously laid-off teachers. Board President Jann Reed said the stimulus spending will help a wide array of students, including top-performing pupils and those who need additional help.” [*Contra Costa Times*, 7/24/09]

Over 170 young people benefited from jobs in California Conservation Corps thanks to *Recovery Act* dollars. “Five California Conservation Corps crews are busy doing work in San Luis Obispo in the first summer of a two-year program coordinated with Cuesta College. The American Recovery Reinvestment Act — the federal economic stimulus package — is funneling nearly \$855,000 into the program, aimed at giving job skills and confidence to as many as 170 youngsters who have neither now. The participants, ranging from 16 to 22 years old, are from low-income families — and some are homeless or from dysfunctional families. The young workers, mostly from Paso Robles, Atascadero, San Luis Obispo, Nipomo and Oceano, can earn up to \$2,550 through the summer if they work every day, 40 hours a week, according to Bill Nolan, who is coordinating the training programs for the corps.” [*San Luis Obispo Tribune*, 7/23/09]

Santa Clara County will undertake a pavement project using *Recovery Act* funds; the first county road project funded by *Recovery Act*. “Santa Clara County will start the construction of the Montague Pavement Project, phase three, this month. This is the first county road project funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The construction of the \$3 million project will start at the end of July and be complete by the end of September.” Congressman Honda: “I’m heartened to see the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act helping people in our community. This federal investment is needed to improve our local roads, maintain good-paying jobs, and relieve some of the financial burden on local governments during budget shortfalls. With this project, the Recovery Act is doing what it was intended to do: promote commerce, jobs, and economic recovery.” [*Milipitas Post*, 7/22/09]

The Central Valley region has seen variety of *Recovery Act* awards, spurring transportation efforts and affordable housing construction, and creating thousands of summer jobs. “The federal government's stimulus package is coming to the Valley -- and there is something for everyone. From tax relief to retraining. From new solar panels on schools to refurbished airport taxiways. From traffic signals to freeway extensions. From new apartment complexes to renovated houses. The money is starting to flow -- and is finding a home in the Valley... Some federal money already is being put to work in the Valley. For example, the Fresno County Workforce Investment Board got \$18 million in stimulus money, said Pam Lassetter, assistant director. The board is using most of it to help put 3,000 students in summer jobs, provide vocational training to former Elkhorn Correctional Facility youths and to teach adults who lost their jobs new skills in health care and other expanding industries.” [*Fresno Bee*, 7/22/09]

***Recovery Act* funds will pay for new hire in Sheriff's Department and equipment to alleviate DNA processing backlog.** “A backlog of DNA samples at the Sheriff's Office that could help solve crimes will finally get looked at due to extra help being hired, paid for with federal stimulus funds. A \$108,000 grant will help pay for an additional person at the San Mateo crime lab to run tests on some of the 80 cases that need DNA, or forensic biology — any bodily fluid recovered at a crime scene — examined, according to Jim Granucci, the lab's director... The lab is among dozens of departments and programs in San Mateo County that have received or are expected to receive an estimated \$32 million in funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, approved in February.” [*San Francisco Examiner*, 7/19/09]

***Recovery Act* dollars expanded funding for Orange County workforce agencies, supplying young people with their first employment experience.** “Sarah Isaacs expects the first paycheck of her life on July 20... Isaacs, an incoming 11th-grader at Nova Academy in Santa Ana, started a summer job this month at the Women's Health Care Center at UC Irvine Medical Center in Orange. She is one of about 2,000 Orange County teens and young adults receiving summer jobs through the \$787 billion federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, or ‘stimulus.’ The stimulus includes about \$1.2 billion for youth employment and training, 16 percent of which is allotted to California. Congress asked most of that money to be used for summer jobs. Orange County is receiving about \$6.6 million, which represents a major boost for youth summer job programs. In recent years, the programs either didn't exist or relied on private funding, according to local workforce officials.” [*Orange County Register*, 7/19/09]

Receipt of *Recovery Act* neighborhood funds anticipated to create roughly 40 jobs. “Vallejo is getting more than \$300,000 in federal neighborhood recovery funds, Rep. George Miller's, D-Martinez, office announced Thursday. The bulk of Vallejo's money will go toward finishing an ongoing project in the 100 block of Benson Avenue in the Vallejo Heights section of town, Senior Community Development Analyst Guy Ricca said. The rest will go toward street paving this fall in the Country Club Crest neighborhood, he added. ‘We'll be creating jobs with these projects,’ Ricca said. City staff estimates the Benson Street project will create 30 full-time construction jobs for up to six weeks. The Crest job will create nine full-time jobs for about a week, they estimate.” [*Vallejo Times-Herald*, 7/17/09]

Sausalito ferry dock project will go forward using *Recovery Act* funds; the construction work is expected to employ about 100 people. “The Sausalito ferry dock will undergo a \$4 million revamp next year that should help alleviate boarding problems brought on by tourists on bikes. Most of the money for the work — \$3.2 million — was handed out by Congress this week as part of federal stimulus funding... The money for the work comes from the U.S. Department of Transportation's discretionary grant program, with funding via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Construction of the dock will employ about 100

workers. The balance of the project cost, \$800,000, will come from bridge district funds. In 2008, 566,000 passengers rode the Sausalito ferry.” [[Contra Costa Times](#), 7/15/09]

Recovery Act funds were dedicated to green job corps in San Mateo County, providing young people with marketable skills in clean energy-related jobs. “A San Mateo County social services agency will receive more than \$936,000 in federal funds to launch a regional site for the state's Green Job Corps benefiting local at-risk youth. As part of the program, the youth, aged 16 to 24 years old, will engage in greening activities that include assisting seniors with home weatherization, conducting energy audits at community centers, as well as community education and the restoration of public lands.” [[KPIX – CBS](#), 7/15/09]

Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County acquired Recovery Act grant to employ 1,000 young people for the summer. “Stimulus money creates summer jobs for over 1000 Contra Costa youths... Several Martinez businesses are currently taking advantage of the Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County’s (WDBCCC) summer youth employment program. Funded through the Obama Administration’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the program allows each youth a salary of \$8.25 an hour for about 120 hours over the next two months... During June, over 200 county residents aged 14 to 24 completed basic job skills training and were placed in paid positions this week.” [[Martinez News-Gazette](#), 7/12/09]

Recovery Act money will fund 4,000 jobs for youths in Riverside and San Bernardino. “More than 4,000 Inland youths are getting jobs this summer thanks to an influx of more than \$10 million in federal dollars from President Barack Obama's stimulus plan. In tough economic times, those in the younger generation are among the hardest hit by spiking unemployment rates. Adults with more experience are taking lesser-paying jobs that traditionally go to those just entering the workforce. The current recession is no exception – and it has hit Riverside and San Bernardino counties as hard as anywhere in the country. [[The Press-Enterprise](#), 7/11/09]

Two Sacramento arts organizations received Recovery Act grants to fund projects and activities that preserve jobs in the nonprofit sector. “The Crocker Art Museum and the Sacramento Philharmonic are two of 631 nonprofit arts organizations awarded grants from the National Endowment for the Arts as part of President Barack Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009... The grants, announced Tuesday, are intended to fund arts projects and activities that preserve jobs in the nonprofit arts sector imperiled by the recent economic downturn. The \$50,000 allows the Crocker to regain one of two positions it lost recently – a gallery facilitator.” [[Sacramento Bee](#), 7/9/09]

Recovery Act funds will revive 31 affordable housing projects across the state. “Treasurer Bill Lockyer today announced the distribution of more than \$310 million in federal stimulus money to revive 31 ‘shovel-ready’ affordable housing projects throughout the state, and create more than 5,000 jobs and 2,015 rental units for low-income families and individuals.” [[YubaNet](#), 7/8/09]

Children’s Musical Theater San Jose received Recovery Act grant to preserve jobs threatened by declines in philanthropic support. “Children’s Musical Theater San Jose said it was given a \$50,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. The money is earmarked ‘to support the preservation of jobs that are threatened by declines in philanthropic and other support during the current economic downturn,’ CMTSJ said, adding that it is the only San Jose performing arts group to receive NEA’s jobs preservation funding.” [[San Jose Business Journal](#), 7/8/09]

Two Long Beach arts organizations use *Recovery Act* funds to retain jobs. Long Beach Opera and the Khmer Arts Academy will each receive \$50,000 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Grants will be awarded through the National Endowment for the Arts.” Rep. Laura Richardson: “We know that when children are participating in the arts, they have more balance and are more likely to succeed academically. Therefore, it is important to help these outstanding organizations preserve jobs during these tough economic times so that they can continue to engage our youth and play a positive role in their academic and social maturity.” [[Long Beach Press-Telegram](#), 7/7/09]

\$3.95 million in *Recovery Act* resources granted to Elkhorn Slough Wetlands for underwater dam, preventing loss over 500 acres in next 50 years. “The eroding tidal wetlands of Elkhorn Slough will get the structural support it needs, thanks to financial support from the federal government. The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration issued a \$3.95 million grant to the Elkhorn Slough Foundation on Tuesday to build an underwater dam for erosion control in the 750-acre wetland... The construction of the dam will provide about 130 jobs and reduce tidal currents that erode embankments.” [[Monterey County Herald](#), 7/6/09]

Millions in *Recovery Act* funds appropriated for Rancho California Water District pipeline construction, creating 283 jobs while increasing regional water reserves. “The Rancho California Water District is getting \$6.2 million in federal stimulus money for a pipeline that will allow the Temecula-based district to boost its water reserves... The project will create 283 jobs over the next several years, according to Rancho Water. The project is scheduled to go out to bid in October, with construction starting in January.” [[Riverside Press-Enterprise](#), 7/6/09]

Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board acquired \$9 Million in *Recovery Act* funding for transportation projects. “The Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, which oversees Caltrain service in San Mateo, Santa Clara and San Francisco counties, will receive a \$9 million grant for track, bridge, signal and bicycle improvements... The San Mateo County Transit District will receive a \$7 million grant to purchase buses and for preventive maintenance.” Rep. Eshoo: “These grants will help keep our trains and buses running safely and on time, while creating new jobs and investing in our regional economy.” [[Menlo Park Almanac](#), 7/5/09]

\$400,000 in *Recovery Act* funding to provide job training and education for gang-susceptible young people in San Joaquin County. “The San Joaquin County Office of Education has been awarded a \$400,000 grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to help provide job training and education to 14- through 24-year-olds who are considered at-risk to join gangs or are trying to leave gangs. Job-related training will be in fields such as solar-panel construction, building-material recycling and hazardous waste handling. Some programs also will offer paid work experience and job placement.” [[Stockton Record](#), 7/5/09]

***Recovery Act*-enabled hydrogen energy California project will Supply 1,500 jobs and bring clean energy to 150,000 homes.** “When built, HECA will bring clean power to over 150,000 homes in the local community, create new jobs and avoid the emissions of more than two million tons of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere every year... Hydrogen Energy International estimates that the project will create up to 1,500 construction jobs and up to 100 permanent green collar jobs.” [[Press Release – Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger](#), 7/1/09]

National Accelerator Laboratory hiring 60-100 new employees with \$68.3 million in *Recovery Act* resources; had been forced to make layoffs in 2008. “The funding is allowing the multi-program laboratory to launch new projects – and hire new employees... SLAC

is offering a range of jobs: engineers, scientists, software developers, financial analysts, project control professionals and administrators. The variety of job openings at SLAC, a laboratory operated by Stanford University for the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science, marks a major shift from the company's rounds of layoffs in January 2008. Fifteen percent of the lab, or approximately 125 SLAC employees, received pink slips at that time. 'I had to announce the largest layoff in the history of the lab,' SLAC Director Persis Drell said. 'This year I had the joy of announcing increases in SLAC science budgets as well as millions in new funding from the Recovery Act.'" [[Palo Alto Online](#), 7/1/09]

San Marcos area Head Start and Early Head Start furthered by \$270,497 in Recovery Act funds. Head Start Director: "The money 'will go a long way in providing resources for maintaining a high quality program. With the rising cost of fuel, food and services, we have experienced a tighter budget and have had to lay off staff in the past two years. These dollars have provided us with an increase in pay for our very deserving staff, funds to maintain quality including building repairs, supplies and equipment, and professional development for our education staff and family service workers. With the addition of these funds, we are no longer looking at staff reductions but rather the maintenance of a high quality program for the 461 children and families that we serve.'" [[San Marcos Mercury](#), 6/29/09]

\$26,000 Recovery Act grant to California Polytechnic State University will sponsor student research. "The National Institutes of Health will make more than \$26,000 available for a successful research program at the California Polytechnic State University... The total allocation of \$26,543 will allow Cal Poly to hire one high school student and one college undergraduate to conduct original research at Cal Poly this summer and next summer." [[Times Press Recorder](#), 6/25/09]

Monterey-Salinas Transit received \$7.6 million in Recovery Act funds Friday. "The funds couldn't have come at a better time for MST," said MST General Manager/CEO Carl Sedoryk. 'It's allowed us to adopt a balanced budget without service cuts, fare increases or job loss.' MST is far exceeding requirements to spend 50 percent of the funds within six months. Seventy-five percent of the funds were spent immediately completing the purchase of 40 new buses made in California and six trolleys made in the USA. ARRA funds have also helped preserve coach operator and mechanic jobs from being lost. "This is money that would have had to come from other areas." [[The Californian.com](#), 6/17/09]

\$40 Million in Recovery Act funds go to Santa Maria Levee, creating 1,000 jobs and prohibiting future floods. "Not only will this funding ensure the safety of the citizens of the Santa Maria area, but the project will be a boon to the local economy, creating 1,000 jobs, and saving Santa Marians from having to purchase costly flood insurance... Our economy still has a long way to go, but this package has helped blunt the most negative impact of the economic downturn, and jump-started the recovery process." [[Santa Maria Times](#), 6/13/09]

Recovery Act monies finance solar panels for Yuba City Senior Center, creating jobs and improving energy efficiency. "The city secured almost \$150,000 in *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* funds for projects that emphasize job creation, increased energy efficiency and further economic investment. City officials decided that installation of solar photovoltaic panels on the senior center's roof would meet those objectives. [[Marysville Appeal-Democrat](#), 6/14/09]

The San Diego Workforce Partnership will put 3,000 young people to work thanks to a nearly \$24 million infusion from the Recovery Act. The Partnership says it's poised to make some dent in the area's unemployment. [[San Diego Business Journal](#), 6/9/09]

Oceanside School District plans to use *Recovery Act* to rehire 28 laid off teachers.

“Some laid-off North County educators could be getting their jobs back now that the Oceanside Unified School District is recommending \$2.2 million in federal stimulus money be used to offer them one-year contracts, it was reported today. The contracts would go to 28 of the 73 teachers who were laid off earlier this year because of cuts made to state education funding, The North County Times reported. ‘The teachers are very excited,’ Terry Hart, president of the Oceanside Teachers Association, told the newspaper. ‘When any teachers get to return to their jobs, it’s a good thing.’ [KFMB-TV CBS News Channel 8, 6/8/09]

***Recovery Act* funding expected to create 180 jobs in Riverside County.** Federal funds will support youth work experience training and affordable housing projects. [Temecula Valley News, 6/2/09]

Hire-A-Youth Program allows for 100 students to enter San Diego State University and gain field-pertinent job experience. Though not yet graduated, 100 high school students will be joining the San Diego State community through a new program aimed at putting students to work. The Hire-A-Youth program is a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The program focuses on low-income students and provides them with an opportunity to gain work experience for resumes, learn job skills and make money during the summer. The San Diego Unified School District will place 600 students from six different high schools in internship programs throughout the summer. Students’ ages range from 14 to 24 years.” [Daily Aztec, 6/1/09]

***Recovery Act* funds will pay for 200 jobs for young people in Yuba County.** [The Appeal-Democrat, 5/20/09]

***Recovery Act* will allow long-awaited construction to begin on the most congested freeway in the nation.** The freeway work is expected to create about 18,000 jobs.” [LA Times, 5/9/09]

About 2,500 Riverside County teenagers and young adults will have summer jobs, thanks to nearly \$2.9 million in *Recovery Act* funds. [Desert Sun Wire Service, 5/8/09]

Garfield Elementary School will likely spend *Recovery Act* funds to retain reading teacher. Hayward will retain teachers for another year; San Francisco will train teachers. [San Francisco Chronicle, 5/6/09]